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Amendment

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicants thank the Examiner for careful consideration of the application.

Claims 11-32 were in the application. Claims 11-14, 16-21, and 26-32 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kawai et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,404,994). Claims 15 and 25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were deemed allowable by the Examiner if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.


Claims 11-14, 16-21, and 26-32 are cancelled. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 11 and 14, from which it depended. Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 19, from which it depended.

The Applicants thus believe that the application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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